

Date Varies

AF Tops In Blue

TOPS IN BLUE is an all-active duty Air Force special unit of talented amateur performers selected for their entertainment abilities. Known as America's goodwill ambassadors, this elite group performs for military personnel and their families throughout the world in a nine-month tour. The TOPS IN BLUE team visits more than 120 locations and performs over 150 shows in the United States and 22 foreign countries each tour year.

January – February

Bowl By Mail

AF Bowl-a-Thon Program (ages 6-18). Youth participants compete Air Force wide within their age groups for high game and high three-game series.

January – May

Read By Mail

"Read by Mail" is a reading program for youth from kindergarten through eighth grade. Young readers earn points towards great prizes by answering multiple-choice questions about books read. Initial sign up is at the Library or Youth Center, but tests may be taken at any computer with internet access. Youth with the highest number of points in the three age groups at each base will earn prizes. Age ranges are: (1) kindergarten through second grade, (2) third through fifth grade, and (3) sixth through eighth grade as of fall 2004. *Note: This program is sponsored by the AF Family Member Program in conjunction with the Book Adventure program created by the Sylvan Learning Foundation. (No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.)*

February

Fit Eagle

Fit Eagle is an annual squadron to squadron competition for active duty members with five-person teams. Typical events include a three-mile run, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, tug-of-war and a team building "mystery" challenge.

March/April

Family Fest

Family Fest celebrates the opening of youth baseball season and commemorates the month of the military child and child abuse prevention. Family Fest has grown to entertain over 4,000 family members of all ages. The event offers tons of free crafts, games, rides and valuable educational information. Parents may bring children by to complete an Ident-a-kid kit with security forces, receive eye exams from the eye clinic or check out what is happening at the "tooth booth". Various characters can also be spotted lurking around looking for someone to pose for a photo. If you keep your eyes open, you may even spot "Sparky" the fire dog. The center stage offers various forms of entertainment through song and dance. The purpose of this event is to have families interact with each other in a fun environment and learn more about the event's important themes. This event is paid for entirely with funds from Hurlburt Field's recycling program and donations from local organizations.

March/April

Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt is an annual event held in the Community Park. Youth ages 12 and under bring their baskets and at the sound of the horn venture out looking for eggs. Children are grouped according to age, with age-appropriate hiding spots.

April

Travel Expo

Information Tickets and Travel hosts an annual Travel Expedition. Over 80 vendors from five states participate in this annual event - such as Disney World, Universal Orlando, Busch Gardens, Sea World, Medieval Times and many more. Upon arrival, attendees are issued special passports to join the travel expedition and become eligible for over \$10,000 in prizes. They are also able to plan sensational vacations with the vendors right there in person to answer questions.

May

SuperDay

SuperDay is an annual tradition at Hurlburt Field, sponsored by the Fitness Centers and Base Sports Advisory Council to promote fitness and camaraderie for active duty, DoD civilians and their family members. Squadron-to-squadron competitions made up of athletic events and non-athletic goofy games are scheduled simultaneously throughout the day and at various locations. Not athletic or goofy? Support your squadron in the Commander's Challenge competition, an "esprit de corps" based award with trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for large and small squadrons. Show your team in full force (athletes and non-athletes) wearing team colors with pride, displaying a squadron flag or banner and cheering on your coworkers.

#### May-August

##### Summer Library Reading and Arts Program

This annual program exposes youth to reading and the arts through live entertainment. A special program/show is offered each week at the base theater to expose children to various forms of expression. Each year has a theme with a special event held at the end of the program offering food, fun and prizes. Past year's themes have been "Leapin' Lizards, the Library's Gone Jurassic!" and "Rocket into Reading."

#### June

##### Bridal Show

Mark your calendar now for our annual Bridal Expo. Do not book your wedding anywhere else until you take this opportunity to see what Soundside has to offer and have an opportunity to meet with local party planners, florists, photographers and more! This event is usually open to the public.

#### July

##### Sound of Independence

The Sound of Independence is Hurlburt's annual Independence Day celebration. It is held prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, so not to conflict with local community events. Over 20,000 members attend from the local and military community to enjoy live entertainment, check out exciting rides, visit craft booths, eat some of the best local food and experience a spectacular fireworks show! We even have an annual cardboard boat regatta! There is something for everyone as Hurlburt rings in the Sound of Independence! Admission is FREE!

#### August

##### H2Olympics

Squadrons pull out your swimsuits and dive into the most innovative sporting competition you can imagine! Yes, it's the Olympics with a wet, wild and wacky twist...Hurlburt style. Enter a four person team (min. one female) and compete among the best of the best in water volleyball, wet and wacky tug-of-war, tube relays and more!

#### August-February

##### Football Frenzy

Football Frenzy is an Air Force program designed to add even more fun to football season. It offers Air Force club members and opportunity to win t-shirts, coolers, caps or even a trip to the Superbowl! We offer multiple choices for game viewing with our "NFL Ticket" satellite capabilities. We offer various specials throughout the program... and cap off the season with an end of football blow-out on Superbowl Sunday!

#### October

##### Commando Cruise-In

Commando Cruise-In is our annual car, bike and truck extravaganza! Enter your pride and joy to compete among over 40 categories. First, second and third place trophies are awarded in all categories with competitors, with over \$750 in cash for Best in Show, Best Paint and more. Additional sponsor provided prizes are awarded throughout the day to participants in the show.

##### Family Fall Festival

Hurlburt Field parents and children have found an innovative and alternative way to "Trick or Treat" in a safe, family-friendly atmosphere. According to Mr. Del Mucci, Director of Youth Programs, "We started the Fall Festival five years ago to provide families with another option to the traditional "Trick or Treat" concept. The event also provides an opportunity for families to spend quality time together, for children to play with their friends and for parents to come together. This helps build a stronger Hurlburt community, particularly when families are

separated by deployments." With over 20 carnival-style booths or stations to choose from, children try their luck at games involving throwing, jumping, stacking, and even putting a golf ball. Once they finish their turn, every child selects a treat from the nearby cauldron so everyone walks away a winner just for trying!

## November

### Family Teen and Talent Show / Tops In Blue Contenders

Our annual talent program showcases our families and airmen competing to tour with the Air Force Tops In Blue team. Entry information is available in September with the show being held in November. Family and teen winners go on to compete at MAJCOM and Air Force levels.

### Turkey Trot

Sponsored by Hurlburt Sports and Fitness, this 5k Family Fun Run is held on or near Thanksgiving and focuses on families getting fit together! (Walk, run, push a stroller or even rollerblade!)

### Air Force Photography Contest

An annual Air Force program designed to give amateur photographers and avenue to showcase their best work. Local level winners will compete at the Air Force level for various prizes. Photo divisions are monochrome prints, color transparencies, color prints and digital photos. Subject categories include people, military life, imaging enhancement, creative effect, and nature/scenic. Open to active duty military and their dependents, retirees, DoD civilians, contractors and reservists.

## December

### Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Start the holiday season off at Hurlburt's annual tree lighting ceremony in the Air Park, followed by snacks and an opportunity to visit with the white-bearded man in the red suit!

### 10-Mile Challenge

Runners of all ages are invited to take the 10-mile challenge. Prizes are awarded for first, second and third in each category (male/female under 10, 10-15, 16-10, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50+) and best overall for male, female and masters.